

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON YEAR 2000 CONVERSION

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TELECOMMUNICATION UPDATES ADDED TO Y2K TOLL FREE HOTLINE

Americans concerned about the Year 2000 date change's potential impact on the telecommunications industry have a new resource for information. The President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion's free Y2K information line at 1-888-USA-4-Y2K (1-888-872-4925) has expanded the Y2K information provided to consumers on all aspects of the telecommunications industry.

Callers pressing the hotline's number three option will now get current Y2K information on 911 and other emergency services, broadcast television, telephone, cellular, paging and other wireless services, cable and satellite TV, AM/FM radio, and international telephone services.

The hotline is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is dedicated to making the most up-to-date, accurate Y2K information available to the public. Information specialists are available to answer questions and provide additional information on the Y2K problem during regular business hours.

"1-888-USA-4-Y2K is a key part of our ongoing efforts to make available information that will help Americans respond appropriately to the Y2K problem as we move through the remainder of this year," said Council Chair John A. Koskinen.

"The telecommunications industry, for some time, has been deliberately attentive to the conveyance of solid information and data that the general public can use to prepare sensibly for the date change," said Commissioner Michael K. Powell of the Federal Communications Commission. "Today, the industry takes another significant step forward in its on-going effort to provide the public with accurate and timely information by participating directly with the President's Council in its information hotline initiative."

The President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, established on February 4, 1998, by Executive Order 13073, is responsible for coordinating the Federal Government's efforts to address the Year 2000 problem. The Council's more than 30 member agencies are working to promote actions to address the Y2K challenge, and to offer support to public and private sector organizations within each agency's policy areas. Visit the Council via the Internet at www.y2k.gov. For consumer information on the Year 2000 problem, call the Council's toll free information line at 1-888-USA-4-Y2K (1-888-872-4925).

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